Preliminary Amendment

Attorney Docket No.: 1575 WO/US

REMARKS

For entry into the U.S. National Stage from the PCT, the above-identified national stage

application is concurrently being amended as follows. Claims 1 and 3 are amended as written

above. Claim 2 is cancelled. The Specification has been amended to include the priority claim

under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e). Applicants respectfully assert that no new matter has been added by

way of this amendment. Accordingly, 22 claims (Claims 1 and 3-23) are initially being

presented for examination. Of those 22 claims, four (Claims 1, 3, 10 and 18) are independent.

Thus, \$300.00 in filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16(h) & (i) are believed to be due.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-1160 the amount of \$300.00 as the fee for entry of

this Preliminary Amendment. In the event that the amount of the previously stated fee is

incorrect, please apply any charge or credit to Deposit Account No. 13-1160.

If any issue regarding the allowability of the pending claims in the present application

could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application, or

if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully

requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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